

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held on **MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2018** in Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:- Cllrs T Armour, D Brindley *Deputy Mayor*, J Harris *Chairman*,
J Wilkins *Mayor*

Also present: Stella Newman – Town Clerk (*minutes*)

The meeting was adjourned to take questions from members of the public.

2122. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were several members of the public present regarding application number LW/17/0972, 5a Chailey Crescent, East Saltdean who spoke and objected to the application. The reasons were as follows (a) A resident who lives directly behind the property believed the only way to deliver materials to the site would be from the rear which is by his property and would cause problems. (b) The mother of the residents of No 7 also objected on the residents behalf. Unfortunately the residents could not come themselves as they were looking after their gravely ill young son who has a hole in his heart. He is extremely susceptible to infections and they are worried that the building work/deliveries will cause dust and air pollution which could have a serious affect on their young son's health. He has only recently returned home from hospital following an infection. (c) The resident of No 5 objected as he did not want his boundary to be compromised; he was concerned regarding loss of privacy due to overlooking; there would be transport and parking issues regarding deliveries etc to site; he had concerns re wildlife and is taking advice from the RSPB; he had not been given the finer details of the application and in his opinion it is not a sustainable project. Other neighbouring residents also had concerns with parking issues.

The meeting reconvened at 7.47 pm.

2123. TO ELECT A COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Harris had been the Committee Vice-Chairman, but was appointed as Chairman at the last meeting, thus leaving the necessity for a Vice Chairman. It was therefore proposed by Cllr T Armour, seconded by Cllr J Wilkins and **agreed** that Cllr D Brindley be appointed as Vice-Chairman.

2124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Loraine and A Mendoza due to work commitments and these reasons were accepted by the committee.

2125. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Armour declared an interest in agenda item number 8 as his son is owner of one of the companies that submitted an estimate for the grass cutting works and Cllr J Wilkins declared an interest as she knows the owner of the same company.

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2126. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ON MONDAY 18th DECEMBER 2017 & MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Armour, seconded by Cllr J Wilkins and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on 18th December 2017 were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Chairman, Cllr J Harris.

It was proposed by Cllr J Harris, seconded by Cllr T Armour and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on 8th January 2018 were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Chairman, Cllr J Harris.

2127. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

LW/17/0972

5a Chailey Crescent
East Saltdean

Demolish existing two storey side extension and replace with a 3 bedroom dwelling.

The Committee considered the application and it was proposed by Cllr D Brindley, seconded by Cllr J Wilkins and unanimously recommended to **OBJECT** to the application on the following grounds:-

- Overdevelopment of the site
- Out of character with the surrounding area
- Back garden development
- Unneighbourly and overlooking neighbouring property
- Access problems – nothing mentioned in the design and access statement
- Parking issues – not enough spaces

The Committee had also received 3 letters of objection from residents of number 5 Chailey Crescent, as well as the objections raised from neighbouring residents at the beginning of the meeting.

The Committee requested that the application be called in to be discussed at a LewesDC planning meeting.

LW/17/0979

99a Cissbury Crescent
East Saltdean

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

The Committee considered the application and it was proposed by Cllr D Brindley, seconded by Cllr J Wilkins and unanimously recommended to **SUPPORT** the application subject to conditions seeking matching materials to be used and hours of work to be restricted to prevent detrimental nuisance to neighbours and deliveries to be between 10am and 3pm as the property is on a school bus route.

LW/17/1074

18 Tyedean Road
Telscombe Cliffs

Single storey rear extension and replacement front bay.

The Committee considered the application and it was proposed by Cllr T Armour, seconded by Cllr D Brindley and unanimously recommended to **SUPPORT** the application, subject to conditions seeking matching materials to be used and hours of work to be restricted to prevent detrimental nuisance to neighbours and also that the side sill level 600mm window have obscured glass to prevent overlooking.

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2128. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING RESULTS

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| LW/17/0980
187 Telscombe Cliffs Way
Telscombe Cliffs | Planning Application for erection of garage to rear.
Lewes DC GRANTS permission subject to conditions.
Telscombe's Planning and Highways Committee SUPPORTED the application subject to conditions. |
| LW/17/0974
142 Rodmell Avenue
East Saltdean | Planning Application for single storey flat roof rear extension.
Lewes DC GRANTS permission subject to conditions.
Telscombe's Planning and Highways Committee SUPPORTED the application subject to conditions |
| LW/17/0119/TPO
4 Carey Down
Telscombe Cliffs | Disposal of 1 x Sycamore tree at front of property.
Lewes DC CONSENTS to the work. |
| LW/17/0919
4 Chatsworth Park
Telscombe Cliffs | Planning Application for first floor side extension.
Lewes DC GRANTS permission subject to conditions.
Telscombe's Planning and Highways Committee SUPPORTED the application subject to conditions. |
| LW/17/1005
416 South Coast Road
Telscombe Cliffs | Planning Application for Section 73a Retrospective application for the construction of two palisade walls to front and rear elevations.
Lewes DC GRANTS permission.
Telscombe's Planning and Highways Committee OBJECTED to the application. |

The Committee noted the planning results above.

2129. TO AGREE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2018/19

Cllr Armour left the room due to declaring an interest.

There was discussion regarding the estimates received and it was proposed by Cllr D Brindley, seconded by Cllr J Harris and **RECOMMENDED** that Countrymans Contractors be appointed for the 2018/19 financial year (with the possibility to extend 2 years depending on funding) to cut the grass verges for the sum of £10,800 plus VAT for 8 cuts. This recommendation will be taken to full Council for ratification.

2130. TO DISCUSS LETTER RECEIVED FROM EAST SUSSEX HIGHWAYS RE SOX LAMPS

It was noted that ESCC are looking at cost effective ways to replace the Councils's existing stock of SOX lanterns as the lamps are being phased out of production and costs are awaited. In the meantime the Committee noted that there are funds in an earmarked reserve to cover costs.

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2131. TO NOTE ACTION LOG

Portobello steps/pathway close to cliff edge – it was agreed that a reminder letter be sent to LewesDC regarding moving the coastal footpath inland to allow a new line of fencing to be erected and that Telscombe Council’s concern be reiterated.

Tree planting scheme – Cllr Wilkins advised she had met with M Gilbert from Garden Paradise who was prepared to offer a discount on tree purchase and grids for the bottom of the trees for protection. A meeting is to be arranged with him, his tree buyer, James Newmarch from ESCC and hopefully Dan Wynn from LewesDC to discuss the types of trees that will be suitable. Following a services scan it shows only 6 properties in the proposed area of Cliff Gardens/Fairlight Avenue are suitable for tree planting.

Traffic safety outside Telscombe Cliffs Primary School – concerns had been raised following the closure of the school’s drop-off zone and the Town Clerk is to meet on site shortly with Ian Johnson from ESCC. It was also suggested that the Parking Shop be asked to undertake regular, random visits at school opening and closing times.

2132. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING

Cllr Armour advised that the road sign for ‘Telscombe Village’ had fallen over and he will take and store the sign so it doesn’t get taken. ESCC will be advised. Cllr Armour also advised of a pothole in the road in the Village opposite the seat and telephone box and this will be reported to ESCC.

Cllr Brindley advised that contractors are using the grass verge near the works in Fairlight Avenue as a depot and the verge is being damaged.

The Town Clerk advised she had just received a creation order for public footpath ‘Telscombe 17’ to run between Cliff Gardens and Buckhurst Road. This will be placed on the next agenda for the Committee’s comments, the deadline being February 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN

NB Next meeting of the committee – Monday 19th February 2018 7.30pm